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SUBJECT: TAW

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1. BOTH TIMES OF ZAMBIA AND DAILY MAIL TODAY CARRY ARTICLES ON TAW DECISION TO SELL 62 HEAVY DUTY TRUCKS AND 78 TRAILERS NOW LYING IDLE IN LUSAKA. TAW YESTERDAY INVITED TENDERS FROM INTERESTED PURCHASERS.

2. TIMES NOTES THAT IN CASE BEING HEARD BY ICC IN LONDON, TAW IS DEMANDING K17 MILLION WHILE GRZ IS ASKING K100 MILLION FOR ALLEGED BREACH OF CONTRACT.

3. IN MORE EXTENSIVE FRONT PAGE ARTICLE BASED ON INTERVIEW WITH ZAMBIA TAW REP GASTOR OTHIENO, DAILY MAIL REPORTS TAW CLAIMS AGAINST GRZ HAVE RISEN TO CLOSE TO K30 MILLION LARGELY BECAUSE OF THIRD PARTY CLAIMS AND OUT OF POCKET EXPENSES INCURRED. ACCORDING TO DAILY MAIL, OTHIENO SAID BETWEEN TIME OF CANCELLATION OF CONTRACT AND TIME OF FILING FOR ARBITRATION "WE EXPLORED THE POSSIBILITY OF SETTling THE MATTER AMICABLY BUT UNFORTUNATELY IT WAS ALL IN VAIN." ARTICLE STATES DECISION TO SELL TRUCKS MADE BECAUSE TAW HAD NO MORE REASON TO BELIEVE GRZ STILL INTERESTED IN BUYING

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VEHICLES. TAW LIQUIDITY NEEDS, AND INSURANCE, MAINTENANCE

AND SECURITY COSTS ALSO CITED. NOTING VEHICLES WERE IMPORTED DUTY FREE, OTHIENO SAID "BUT NOW IF SOLD TO A NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION, IT WILL CARRY AN ELEMENT OF TAX WHICH WILL BE PAYABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT AND WHATEVER WE COLLECT FROM SALE OF VEHICLES WILL REDUCE OUR CLAIM AGAINST GOVERNMENT."

4. OTHIENO CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF ACCURACY OF DAILY MAIL REPORT. HE SAID HOWEVER TAW STILL CALCULATING AMOUNT OF CLAIM BUT HE EXPECTS IT TO BE ABOUT K30 MILLION.  
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